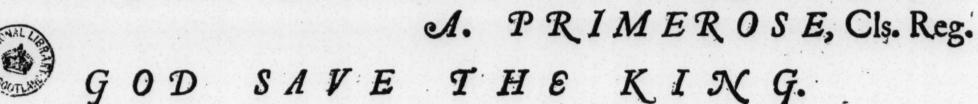


HARLES, by the grace of & D.D. King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To Dur Lobits,

Pursebants and Messengers at Arms, Dur Sherists, In that part specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as by several Laws and Acts of Dur Parliament, especially by the one hundred and thirty one of the Eight Parliament of King James the Sirth, Dur Grand-sather of blessed memory (and renewed and ratified by Us, With advice of Dur Estates of Parliament, presently conversed) It is statuted and ordained, That none of Dur Subjects, of whatsoever quality,

state or function, Conveen or Assemble themselbes, for holding Councils, Conventions or Assemblies (except in the ordinary judgements) puthout Dur warrand, or express Licence, had and obtained thereto, under the pain made against such as unlawfully convocate Dur Lieges: And that not with standing thereof, there be divers persons under the name of Quakers, Anabaptists and Fifth-monarchy-men, abowed Enemies to Dur lawfull Authority and Gobernment, who upon specious and religious Pretences, at unlawfull times and places, keep frequent Deetings and Conventicles together: And We, and Dur Effates of Parliament, considering What hath been the cruel Tenets, and bloody Practices of such in former times, and what Insurrections and Burthers have been committed by them in Dur Kingdom of England, Within these few dayes, and of what bad consequence their Deetings may probe at this time. Dur will is herefore, and we charge you and fraitly commands, That incontinent thir Dur Letters feen, ye paffe, and in Dur Pame and Authority, inhibit and discharge all Deetings and Conventions of the persons foresaid, upon whatsoever colour or pretert the same may be, under the pains contained in Dur Acts of Parliament, made against unlawfull Convocations of Dur Lieges: And for the better prebenting of such unlawfull Deetings, and of any prejudice may ensue thereby, we do hereby command all Magistrates of Dur Burghs, Sheriffs, Constables, Justices of the Peace and other Dur publick Ministers, To make exact search from time to time, in all places Where any fuch Deeting hath been, thall, or may be suspected; and to apprehend every such per= fon, who thall keep, or frequent thefe Deetings, and to commit them to the next Prilon, therin to vemain till further order be taken with them, by such as thall have Dur Authority for that effect; And ordains you to make publication hereof at the Wercat Crofs of Dur Royal Burroughs, Where sthrough none pretend ignorance thereof, As ye will answer to Us thereupon: The which to do, we commit to you, conjunctly and severally, Dur full power, by thir Dur Letters, &c.

Given at Edinburgh the 22. day of January, 1661. and of Our Reign the twelfth year.



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